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All People.....	296,239	40,250	989	13.6	0.3	300,880	48,297	689	16.1	0.2		
Race and Hispanic Origin⁶												
White Alone ⁴	237,356	27,009	959	11.4	0.4	240,311	34,266	596	14.3	0.2		
White Alone, non-Hispanic ⁵	196,427	17,975	796	9.2	0.4	197,352	22,746	496	11.5	0.2		
Black Alone ⁴	37,225	9,164	526	24.6	1.4	37,992	10,150	297	26.7	0.8		
Asian Alone ⁴	10,471	1,288	223	12.3	2.0	11,668	1,587	134	13.6	1.1		
Hispanic ⁵	45,037	10,013	599	22.2	1.3	47,729	13,168	379	27.6	0.8		
Non-Hispanic.....	251,153	29,648	986	11.8	0.4	253,151	35,130	603	13.9	0.2		
Age												
Under 18 years	73,031	14,530	623	19.9	0.8	73,663	17,206	436	23.4	0.5		
18 to 64 years	186,983	22,571	762	12.1	0.4	189,222	28,281	539	14.9	0.3		
65 years and over	36,225	3,150	295	8.7	0.8	37,995	2,810	180	7.4	0.5		
Sex												
Male.....	145,152	18,052	667	12.4	0.5	147,389	22,152	470	15.0	0.3		
Female.....	151,087	22,197	730	14.7	0.5	153,491	26,145	504	17.0	0.3		
Educational attainment (people 18 years and over)⁶												
Less than 4 years of high school.....	18,460	4,707	414	26.6	2.0	21,842	6,530	272	29.9	1.1		
High school graduate, no college	71,015	10,240	603	14.3	0.8	66,070	10,784	346	16.3	0.5		
One or more years of college	133,697	10,495	611	7.9	0.4	139,305	13,777	389	9.9	0.3		
Disability status (people 15 to 69 years)												
With a work disability.....	25,237	6,315	414	25.0	1.4	26,455	6,702	275	25.3	0.9		
With no work disability.....	185,110	19,309	703	10.4	0.4	186,944	24,847	509	13.3	0.3		
Residence												
Metropolitan.....	237,400	30,608	879	12.9	0.4	250,795	38,438	627	15.3	0.2		
Nonmetropolitan	58,839	9,641	512	16.4	0.8	50,085	9,859	334	19.7	0.6		
Region⁷												
Northeast.....	53,850	6,942	617	12.9	1.1	54,209	7,363	290	13.6	0.5		
Midwest.....	65,378	8,042	663	12.3	1.0	65,675	9,658	331	14.7	0.5		
South.....	108,026	16,284	930	15.1	0.8	110,477	19,701	464	17.8	0.4		
West	68,946	8,780	692	12.7	1.0	70,519	11,575	361	16.4	0.5		

See footnotes at end of table.

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Family status⁷												
In Families	247,160	30,002	1,231	12.1	0.5	249,564	36,277	611	14.5	0.2		
In married-couple families	190,916	15,238	902	8.0	0.5	188,908	17,738	442	9.4	0.2		
In families with a female householder, no husband present	43,744	13,224	843	30.2	1.6	46,210	15,764	418	34.1	0.8		
In families with a male householder, no wife present	12,502	1,540	293	12.3	2.2	14,446	2,775	179	19.2	1.1		
Unrelated individuals	49,042	10,044	739	20.5	1.4	51,316	12,020	368	23.4	0.6		
In non-family households	45,860	8,814	693	19.2	1.4	47,073	10,221	340	21.7	0.7		
Employment and labor force status (people 18 years and over)												
Employed absent from work	2,363	468	110	19.8	4.2	3,239	704	89	21.7	2.4		
Employed full-time	115,392	5,064	359	4.4	0.3	106,625	5,453	244	5.1	0.2		
Employed part-time	29,318	3,729	309	12.7	1.0	32,984	5,571	247	16.9	0.7		
Unemployed	4,642	2,177	237	46.9	3.7	11,702	4,629	225	39.6	1.5		
Not in labor force	71,493	14,283	591	20.0	0.8	72,667	14,734	393	20.3	0.5		
Marital status (people 18 years and over)⁷												
Married	123,306	8,838	689	7.2	0.5	124,216	10,259	338	8.3	0.3		
Separated, divorced, or widowed	42,366	7,566	639	17.9	1.4	43,003	7,968	299	18.5	0.6		
Never married	57,470	9,434	711	16.4	1.2	59,998	12,864	376	21.4	0.6		
Family size⁸												
1 person (unrelated individual)	48,931	10,261	609	21.0	1.1	51,316	12,020	368	23.4	0.6		
2 people	65,857	5,873	465	8.9	0.7	72,927	7,196	287	9.9	0.4		
3 people	53,996	5,447	448	10.1	0.8	54,168	7,198	287	13.3	0.5		
4 people	61,564	7,347	518	11.9	0.8	60,140	8,379	309	13.9	0.5		
5 people	37,489	5,929	467	15.8	1.2	34,963	6,924	281	19.8	0.7		
6 or more people	28,427	5,845	463	20.6	1.5	27,366	6,580	275	24.0	0.9		

¹ In wave 9 of the SIPP 2004 Panel, a 53 percent sample reduction was made. The 2007 standard error calculations use "a" and "b" parameters that account for the sample cut. The 2007 estimates use the carry forward imputation method to account for the missing months of October, November, and December 2007 for some of the rotation groups. When the carry forward imputation method was unreliable, rotations groups were excluded. As such, some group totals are slightly inconsistent with each other. See notes 5, 6, 7 for more details.

² The first reference month of the 2008 Panel was May 2008. Calendar year estimates are not available for 2008.

³ A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate.

⁴ Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown to in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

⁵ Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

⁶ For 2007, rotation group 1 is excluded when estimating poverty status by race, Hispanic origin, and educational attainment. The respective "a" and "b" parameters used in calculating standard errors are inflated by a factor of 4/3.

⁷ For 2007, rotation groups 1 and 2 are excluded when estimating poverty status by region, family status, and marital status. Given sample size, we do not subset family types by whether or not families had children. The respective "a" and "b" parameters are inflated by a factor of 2.

⁸ For 2007, rotation group 2 is excluded when estimating poverty status by family size. The respective "a" and "b" parameters used in calculating standard errors are inflated by a factor of 4/3.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2004 Panel and 2008 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <<http://www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>.